Development of National Highways and Expressways

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have earmarked adequate funds for the development of National Highways and Expressways in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof with funds utilized during the last two years; and

(c) Government's plans for the next five years for the development of roads, bridges and National Highways and Expressways in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The allocations of funds for development of National Highways in various parts of the country are done on the basis of the programme of works which are drawn up as per the overall budgetary allocation made available to the Department of Road Transport & Highways.

(b) Details of funds allocated and utilized during the last two years for the development of National Highways is as under:

Financial Year	Allocation	Expenditure (Provisional)
2003-04	5729.19	4930.17
2004-05	6311.50	4656.22

(c) The following programmes are envisaged during next seven years (2005—2012) for development of National Highways:—

* Completion of Golden quadrilateral (GQ) and East-West-North-South Corridors;
* 4-laning of 10,000 km. of National Highways;
* 2-laning of 20,000 km. of National Highways;
* Augmenting highways in the North East;
* 6-laning of selected stretches of National Highways; and
* Development of 1000 km. of Expressway.